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**CORAL M. CUMMINGS** CLERK OF THE BOARD AND COUNTY RECORDER

July 8, 2004

Max Dodson **USEPA Region 8** 999 18th Street, Suite 300 Denver, CO 80202-2466

Dear Max:

There has been community discussion recently concerning the cleanup of the former Stimson Mill site. Some individuals believe that homes should be cleaned first rather than a simultaneous cleanup of the Stimson site and homes.

We strongly support the dual cleanup approach. It is very important to have workplace environments as well as homes cleaned and safe. At a time when Libby is facing severe economic difficulties, we feel it is vital to have the Stimson property cleaned to be able to attempt to attract businesses to our area.

This dual cleanup approach does not mean that it is not significantly important to have affected homes cleaned as quickly as possible; rather it supports economic recovery and a safe living environment at the same time.

We look forward to having our whole community clean and safe as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Marianne B. Roose, Member

R. Windom, Member